

Application Period Opens for Red River National Wildlife Refuge Youth Waterfowl Lottery Hunts

Red River National Wildlife Refuge has six dates of Youth Waterfowl Lottery Hunt opportunities. The application period for all lottery waterfowl hunts is September 8, 2014 through October 6, 2014. All applications must be mailed or delivered to the refuge. Blinds or decoys will not be provided by the Service for any of these hunts. There will be 3 individuals chosen and 3 hunt areas open in our sanctuary area on the Bayou Pierre Unit (Yates Tract) for each of the 6 dates.

The *Youth Lottery Waterfowl Hunt* is open to youth 10–15 years of age on November 1, 2014. The 6 available hunt dates for the 2014-15 are November 15 and 29, December 13 and 27, and January 3 and 17. Selected youth, their adult supervisor, and an additional youth guest and adult supervisor are permitted to hunt on these dates in compliance with state law. Youth hunters must harvest their own limit. If an additional youth guest is invited, the additional adult supervisor is optional.

To apply for refuge Lottery Hunts: A Waterfowl Lottery Application should be sent or delivered to: Red River National Wildlife Refuge, 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA 71111, by 3:00pm, Monday, October 6, 2014. Application form can be found on our website or facebook page. You may also pick one up at the refuge. No phone applications will be accepted. If the required information is not provided or is illegible, the applicant will be ineligible for the drawing. Individuals submitting more than one application will be disqualified from the drawing.

Successful applicants will be issued a special permit for each hunt they are chosen to participate in. Only successful applicants will be notified by November 1, 2014.

For additional information about Red River National Wildlife Refuge call 318-742-1219, view our website at http://www.fws.gov/refuge/red_river/ or facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RedRiverNWR>.

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